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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:33
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Clean Ganga Campaign
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to involve villagers and panchayats in Clean Ganga Campaign and organised a conference of Gram Pradhans of the villages located on bank of river Ganga in the recent past;

(b) if so, the objectives and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the percentage of pollution contributed by the villages located along river Ganga and if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether towns and cities located along river Ganga contribute more pollution than villages and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard along with the manner in which the participation of villagers is likely to be ensured including the facilities/assistance to be provided to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.33 to be answered on Thursday, the 25th February, 2016 on 'Clean Ganga Campaign "raised by DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The National Mission for Clean Ganga, MOWR,RD&GR organized 'Swachh Ganga-GraminSehbhagita', a national level stakeholder consultation and sensitization programme on 30th Jan 2016 at Talkatora, New Delhi. Gram Pradhans of more than 1000 Gram Panchayats located along the river Ganga, eminent policy makers, implementers and NGOs already participated in the programme.
(c) (d) No, Madam. The Government has not conducted any specific survey to find out the percentage of pollution contributed by the villages located along river Ganga. However, population data collected by census and infrastructure available in villages, towns and cities have been used to estimate the pollution generated from the villages/towns/cities located along river Ganga. These estimates suggest that pollution load from city/towns are more than the villages.
In addition to the schemes for creating infrastructure such as Sewage Treatment Plants, laying of Sewage Network etc, the Government is also addressing the other sources of pollution in the river Ganga. One such approach is through model Ganga Grams. The following objectives have been framed to develop the Ganga Grams.
i. Open Defecation Free Villages
ii. Interception of the liquid waste flowing into River Ganga
iii. Groundwater recharge & development of inland water bodies
iv. Cremation Ghats construction & development
v. Garbage Management of the villages
vi. Synergisation of the existing governmental (state & central schemes)
Till date, out of the targeted construction of 15 lakh Individual Household Latrines (IHHL), 24.58% (i.e. 3,73,420) IHHL have been completed. In addition, approximately 125 Gram Pradhans from Utttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal have been facilitated to visit Seechewal model village, Jalandhar district, Punjab where practices such as awareness, wastewater management and treatment, solid waste management in rural environment etc. were success fully demonstrated in river cleaning.
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